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LONDON, February 19.
 While work has come to a standstill at most other ports, approximately 3,000 men are working at London Docks to-day, being one-fifth of the normal number.

TRADE UNION SUPPORT.

LONDON, February 19.
 The emergency committee of the Trade Union Congress has passed a resolution congratulating the transport workers and the dockers on their magnificent stand and pledging the support of British trade unionism.

WAR IN THE AIR.

BRITAIN'S INADEQUATE DEFENCES.

STRONGER FORCE URGED.

LONDON, February 19.
 The evening sitting of the House of Commons was devoted to Sir Samuel Hoare's motion on the question of air defence, in which the former Air Minister invited the House to affirm the principle of maintaining a home defence air force of sufficient strength to give adequate protection against the strongest air force within striking distance of British shores.

NAVAL OIL LEASES.

MISCHIEVOUS RUMOURS NAILED.

BUSINESS NOT HARMED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, February 19.
 In order to counter reports that the business of the oil industry had been seriously affected by the disclosure of the oil leases, the State Department today issued a statement that the business of the oil industry was in a healthy condition, and that probably many rumours regarding the oil leases will be discovered upon investigation to be without foundation. Americans may look forward to the coming months hopefully.

LATEST ASPECTS.

The Senate oil committee private examination of certain New York stockbrokers who produced account books for its inspection, and the continued refusal of Mr. Daugherty to resign are features of to-day's development of the scandal.

SUSPICIOUS?

WASHINGTON, February 19.
 It is reliably learned that the name of one Government official, whose identity has not yet been disclosed, appears on the books of a certain firm, which the Senate oil committee examined to-day.

FRENCH POLITICS.

GOVERNMENT FACES MORE TROUBLE.

ELECTORAL REFORM BATTLE.

PARIS, February 19.
 Having won the day on the most controversial features of the finance bill, namely authorisation for the Government to reduce expenditure by decree and to increase taxes generally, twenty per cent, the Government is now faced with a hard battle in the Senate on the electoral reform bill.

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DISARMAMENT NECESSARY.

Mr. W. M. Leach, Under Secretary for Air, replying, stated that there would be no change at present regarding the expansion of the Air Force already planned. He declared that the war had killed the doctrine that in order to get peace you must prepare for war. All the nations that prepared most got the most war. (Ministerial cheers and Opposition dissent.)

Mr. Leach said the Government would do its utmost to facilitate an international air craft disarmament conference and declared the legacies of development inherited from the old government would be fulfilled.

They were anxious to foster civil aviation and encourage the development of airships.

Mr. Leach, in conclusion, said the Army and Navy might repel land attacks, but the Air Force could not prevent an air raid. The only adequate defence was a changed international atmosphere.

CHALLENGE TO GOVERNMENT.

Col. Seeley declared that the House had listened to a most astonishing doctrine which would mean the disbandment of the Army and Navy if followed to its logical conclusion. They must challenge the Government upon that doctrine. (Opposition cheers.) Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister for Colonies, stated that the Government's policy was definitely to make the Air Force adequate, and whilst recognising the necessity of defence and realising the Imperial aspects of the question and giving an assurance of continuity on the first stages of the programme, the Government reserved the right to do nothing which would prevent them working for disarmament. He hoped the House would reject the motion.

The motion was talked out, the Speaker not accepting the closure.

LATER.
 The Speaker would not accept the closure which Sir Samuel Hoare moved because he held the opinion that a debate on a matter of this magnitude in such a short period ought to be resumed when the air estimates came on.

HANDING BACK WEIHAIWEI.

LONDON, February 19.
 Acting under orders from Dr. Wellington Koo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, the London Charge d'Affaires, conferred with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at the Foreign Office and presented the Chinese case regarding Weihaiwei.

China is dissatisfied with the decision of the Anglo-Chinese Commission, the report of which is before the two Governments. China claims modifications, especially concerning Chinese sovereignty, and asks the British Government to resume negotiations.

Mr. MacDonald promised to study the question and expressed a desire that the whole matter of transferring Weihaiwei to China should be completed as quickly as possible.

BOOZE RUNNERS' RESPITE.

WASHINGTON, February 19.
 A short delay is likely in the signing of the Canadian-American illicit liquor prevention treaty in consequence of Canada declining a suggestion that vessels plying between Canada and the United States carrying liquor should be denied clearance. It is argued that this is a violation of Canadian law.—Reuter's American Service.

PRAYA INCIDENT.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGE.

EUROPEAN LADY'S COMPLAINT.

Oliver Williams, a negro, and Edward Hurley, both seamen from the U.S.S. "Perrin", were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with disorderly conduct and assaulting Mrs. Wood, wife of Sanitary Inspector R. B. Wood, on the Praya East yesterday evening.

Giving evidence, Mrs. M. K. Wood, stated that she lived at No. 2, Government Quarters, Happy Valley, and was waiting for a train at the corner of Gresson Street. She had been there a minute and a half when Hurley came up from behind and tapped her on the shoulder. She turned round, seized him by the left shoulder and pushed him away saying to him: "What do you think you are at? Do you think you are in the States again?" Williams was standing at the rear and Hur-

ley fell back in line with him and the former used language which was very unpleasant. The train then arrived and she boarded it, when Williams made a motion as if to throw something at her. At Arsenal Street she got out and telephoned Divisional Inspector Aris at No. 2 (Wanchai) Station. Inspector Aris asked her to go back to the scene where he would join her. At Gresson Street she met the Inspector who brought two European sergeants with him and the latter went into the Seamen's Institute to look for defendants. They came out and reported that they were not in the Institute, whereupon Inspector Aris started a search in the vicinity.

After Mrs. Wood, accompanied by the Inspector, had returned to No. 2 Station, one of the sergeants came back with Williams in custody. Hurley was found later in a restaurant with four other white sailors.

Lance-Sergeant Harcourt deposited to finding Hurley at No. 109, Queen's Road East which is a restaurant.

Asked if they had any questions to put, Hurley said "Search me Sir, I don't know that woman."

Williams said that Mrs. Wood, when at the Station, pointed out another man before she indicated Hurley. To this Mrs. Wood replied that she did look at another man but did not point him out. She looked at Hurley and knew him instantly. Answering a question, Williams stated that when Hurley tapped her shoulder, she turned round and as Hurley was only a few paces away, she could swear that he was the man who had assaulted her. Hurley then said that she had to look at the arm of men three times before she picked him out.

At this stage (Mr. Wood) remarked that it was essential that Inspector Aris should attend during the trial, as he would be very busy during the trial, as he would be the case back till 4.30 on Friday to allow him to give evidence.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1924, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 11th February to SATURDAY, 23rd February, 1924 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on the day and at the place aforesaid immediately upon the termination of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolution viz.:

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Corporation is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the ordinary note issue of the Corporation being increased from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 and to modify the existing requirements as regards the deposit of security in respect of its note issue in the following manner:

(a) So that the whole of the increase (namely \$10,000,000) of such ordinary note issue shall be secured by coin or bullion or approved securities.

(b) To provide that whatever the total amount of the note issue may be at any particular time, the amount of coin or bullion or approved securities to be deposited by the Corporation shall never be less than one third of the total amount of the bills in actual circulation.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1924.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 28th February 1924, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY the 21st February 1924, until THURSDAY 28th February 1924, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1924.

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SION are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Members are notified that they cannot gain admission on production of the metal Badges issued last year.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before Tuesday, the 19th February.
Price \$10.00 per day or \$30.00 for the Meeting.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.
Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the PUBLIC ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH or at the Gate. Price \$5.—per day.
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS in uniform \$1.—per day.
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LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.
Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. No Servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

These tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their Employers or when on duty at the various stands. Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1924.

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RACE MEETING.

ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, the 20th, 21st and 22nd February, all Departments will be CLOSED at 1 P.M.

On these days
The Hongkong Dispensary will be opened for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions from 6 to 7.30 P.M.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1924.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, 20th, THURSDAY, 21st, FRIDAY, 22nd and SATURDAY, 23rd inst. By Order of the Committee.

P. TESTER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1924.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the H.K. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, 20th, THURSDAY, 21st, FRIDAY, 22nd and SATURDAY, 23rd inst. By Order of the Committee.

J. W. KEW,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1924.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building on MONDAY, 3rd March 1924, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for 31st December 1923, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to 3rd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

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THE THIRTY FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong on TUESDAY the 4th of March 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and electing a dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY the 19th February 1924, until TUESDAY the 4th day of March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, 11th February, 1924.

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THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Union Waterboat Company, Limited, will be held in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY the 6th March, 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December 1923.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to 6th March, 1924, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.
General Managers
Hongkong, 19th February, 1924.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Kent beat Middlesex in a Public Schools Rugby match at Blackheath by 23 points to 8.

Five out of the six first favourites were successful on the concluding day of the Birmingham meeting.

Damage estimated at over £200,000 was caused by the fire which broke out at the Concordia Wharf, Poplar.

In the final of the Public Schools Rackets Handicap, D. S. Milford Rugby, defeated G. J. Child, Eton, by three games to love.

Seven regiments of infantry have so far been withdrawn by the French from the Ruhr and Rhineland. Further reductions will be made, but details will not be announced in advance.

By a settlement which has been arrived at the American railways will receive \$1,606,000,000 (about £4,000,000), in full satisfaction of all their claims arising out of State control during the Great War.

M. Venizelos has arrived in Athens. He was met by Colonel Plasteras and a number of officers and newspaper correspondents. While he declined to make a statement, it was gathered that he did not take a very happy view of the situation.

Cold weather has at last set in Switzerland, and it is hoped that the danger of further avalanches is now passed. So heavy has been the snowfall that chamois and foxes are coming down from the valleys in great numbers in search of food.

Mr. E. A. Filene, a Boston departmental store proprietor, is offering \$50,000 for a European competition for the best plan for world-peace. Separate contests are to be arranged for England, France, and Italy, and the competition may be extended to Germany.

Further despatches from the Valley of the Kings provide additional details of the burial place of the Egyptian Sovereign, 3,200 years ago. It is now definitely established that Tutankhamen's body has not been plundered or disturbed during the intervening period.

Much interesting and instructive matter is contained in the report of the House of Commons Select Committee on the question of a tax on betting. Attention is directed to the great prevalence of betting, and the canvassing of women in the absence of their husbands.

Reports from Allahabad state that the inactivity or incompetence of the commander of the Afghan troops, which still occupy the Nazim Valley, where the frontier murderers have their headquarters, strengthens the opinion that the Afghans, as a result of anti-British intrigues, are not making any genuine effort to arrest the culprits.

According to a report from Rome, the German ex-Crown Prince, with his wife and two children, have been staying incognito at Merano. If the report is true, adds Our Rome Correspondent, it means that he obtained special permission from the Italian Government, with a promise that he would not be molested, as his entry into an Entente country would have left him liable under the Treaty of Versailles to proceedings as a war criminal.

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DEATHS.

CLARKE.—On Sunday, Decem-
ber 23, 1923, at Tunbridge
Wells, England, Charles Cecil
Clarke, late Commissioner in
the Chinese Maritime Customs
Service, aged 69 years.

DE SOUSA.—On February 14,
1924, at Berkeley, California,
Mr. A. M. de Sousa, late of
Chinese Maritime Customs, the
dearly beloved father of Mrs.
R. Dreyse (née de Sousa).

The China Mail.

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20 1924.

HAVING A FLUTTER.

How many Hongkong people really, really know anything about horses? Few enough, we wot. Yet these four days will find most the Colony describing, discussing and criticising the performances of some odd hundred China ponies. Large crowds will flock to Happy Valley, arrayed in their best, and will there strain their eyes to watch these same absurdly small mounts career round the course. Still larger numbers will eagerly scan the evening papers for results and their minds will become jubilant, melancholy or philosophic as the tale is told. Bands will quicken the joy of those related with sudden riches and losses

win the cash sweep's first prize and that one ticket may be bought by the man who invests \$10 just as readily as it may fall to the man who invests \$100. How did Shakespeare express this truth?

If Hercules and Lichas play at dice,

Which is the better man? The greater throw
May turn by fortune from the weaker hand.

Many a local financial Hercules and a Lichas will learn this again ere Saturday evening come, and lest the fates have already ordained that they must lose, they will be wise to accept this sure tip—set a limit to the number of bets to be made and thus ensure that a run of a bad luck will not cost more than a known sum. If this advice is followed the moralists are answered—completely and finally—for betting then becomes a harmless pleasure. If it is ignored—well, hardship might easily result. That many will ignore it does not, however, give the moralists much argument. Man is a gaming animal, and if you deprive him of his races he will find other ways to have a flutter, in spite of all the reproof and all the caution in the world.

To-morrow's Great Race.

Hongkong, as all the Colony knows, takes the name of its great annual race from the famous Home event, but how many people are aware that the Derby was first started so long ago as 1780. In the first race, which the Lord Derby of that day arranged, Sir Charles Bunbury won with his chestnut colt Diomed. The first Royal victory was in 1788, when the "First Gentleman in Europe" won with Sir Thomas. The race has been run in a hurricane which blew booths and tents over the course; it has been run, abate omen, after a snowstorm. In its first year the distance was only a mile, but the winning-post of 1780 stood where the winning-post stands to-day, and though we may wonder what the eighteenth century sportsmen would have thought of the crowds and the motor-cars of to-day, though London has so devoured the country that to go to the Derby by road is to drive through a continuous town, though the old humours of that journey have been destroyed by the speed of modern traffic, still the fair on the Hill is busily merry as it was when Frith painted his record of a Victorian Derby, and those who watch from the Grand Stand still look upon the same landscape of green down and woodland and distant spire as the sportsmen of 1780 saw when they planned the race. Our British love of horse-racing is indeed much older than the Derby. King James I. had his jockeys and bought blood-stock. Mr. Pepys saw races on the downs above Epsom wells, and, like a good fellow, let his clerk go and see them when he could not get away himself. Charles II. took his Court to Newmarket, and the Rowley Mile—for he was called Old Rowley after his favourite hack—still preserves the memory of his love of the turf. Before his century was out all England had learnt the thrill of racing, and there were meetings all over the country.

The moralists may condemn racing because it encourages gaming—so long ago as 1180 the Bishop of Chatter declared gaming "mother of lies and perjuries"—but we have the highest authority, Charles Lamb; not less, that man is a gaming animal. In the Homeland they do not face this fact honestly. They defend racing primarily because it improves the stock. Out here we are (willy-nilly) franker. We make no pretensions about improving our quaint little China ponies. We accept their performances in the same way that we accept the social intercourse, and the band—as very pleasant incidents! But only as incidents. The flutter's the thing. Our chief object is to make ten dollars grow where only one grew before, and in seeking to do this we secure immense pleasure, delicious excitement.

Yet further charm, before the Goddess of Chance we are all largely equal. True, the top may bring bigger returns to the heavier investor (though also it may not) but only one ticket can

and Mexico, and all the States of Europe except Germany and Russia. The record of the League is an open book. The first minutes of the League were not published. To-day the minutes of all meetings of the Council, public or secret meetings, are made available to the public immediately. Compare this with the recent Conference of Ambassadors at Paris in withholding the report of the Commission of Inquiry on the basis of which the indemnity of 50,000,000 lire was awarded to be paid by Greece to Italy. The League has functioned most successfully in certain cases to discourage a resort to war. Perhaps Sweden and Finland were never in danger of fighting about the Aaland Islands question; but let it be noted that that very ugly dispute has passed into history. It was settled by the League. The League's mediation in upper Silesia to mark the boundary between Germany and Poland has proved a measurable success. Jugo-Slavia withdrew her troops from Albania at the behest of the Council of the League. In the case of Italy, Greece and Corfu which is probably the most vital of the antagonistic crises' argument it can be said that the League undoubtedly exercised a palliating influence to prevent a possible war between Greece and Italy. The League may only be a half a League, but as someone has said it is half a League onward.

The micro-
phone which
Mr. Lloyd
George held
in his hand when addressing a
crowd of 30,000 people in the
Town Hall Square at Rochdale,
says the London Times, gave rise
to an amusing incident. He was
developing an anti-protectionist
argument from the history of
Lancashire. "John Bright's
victory was a Lancashire victory,"
he declared, and then remarked
in an aside: "What about Cobden,
was he Lancashire?" The aside
was heard all over the square, and
the great roar of laughter intimated
to the speaker what had occurred.
"This is a mischievous instrument,"
he commented. "I wonder
whether you heard it."

Since we penned
our reference to
the Eiffel Tower
and mentioned that it was likely
to be the last construction of its
kind ever to be built; we have
come across the opinion of William
Morris on that structure. He was
once in a company of artists who
were heartily abusing the Eiffel
Tower. To their surprise, Morris
asserted that he never failed to
climb the tower when in Paris.
His explanation was satisfactory.
"When you are on top you are on
the only spot in Paris where you
can't see the damned thing."

Evidence reaches
us almost daily of
the distance the
China Mail
travels. The latest evidence is
from the Musical Courier of New
York, one of the greatest musical
journals in the world which recently
published the China Mail's
appreciation of young Emil
Danenbergs as follows:
Professor Danenbergs' youngest
son we confess, gives us furiously
to think. Here is a boy six years
old, with only about nine months'
tuition to his credit, able to play
the piano with all the aplomb,
expression, insight, and brilliance
given to but few. His repertoire
consists of no fewer than 74
pieces, all played from memory.
It was our privilege, the
other day to listen to the
youthful executant for the first
time; to watch the chubby
fingers almost race over the keys,
and to listen to music that like
Lincoln, is for the ages. His feet
as yet do not reach the pedals, and
a contrivance has to be fixed to
enable him to make use of these
necessary aids to correct pianoforte
playing. He improvises also. His
memory is obviously outside
the ordinary, and his interest in
music stamps him as being born to
the wonderful art of music.
Lessons in harmony may mean the
unearthing of powers of composition
which we hope will be for the
benefit of the whole world. And
yet it was but by a mere accident
that the inherent talent was dis-
covered—the purchase of a toy
piano and the manipulation of the
young boy's aptitude. Hongkong
will have an early opportunity of listening
to his prowess, and will cer-
tainly wish that these early mani-
festations of genius will blossom
forth into something lasting. Who
knows, here may be another Chopin
or a Beethoven.

The British North
Borneo Herald is our
authority for the
following extracts from an essay
on gambling contributed by a
candidate at the recent Leam-
ington Examination:
ESSAY ON GAMBLING.
Gambling is an offensive vice
and it is sure to get in trouble
and punishment; therefore, the
intention of suicide is often
happened in these cases.

When they gain plenty of
money they went to the Bar shop
to have a drink, and sometimes
they drunk.

Because when usual to play
which I hear very sorry for eat
and usual carry goods bring to
the pawn shop.

Gambling causes much in-
jurious works, family men when
lost in gambling come home to
their wives and children with
scornful looks and words to
make up a scandalous quarrel,
quarrel to blowing.

Despite our
FETTERED oligarchic form
of government
we enjoy privileges which seem to
be unheard of at Home. We read
that it has been decided that the sale
of cigarettes after 8 p.m. is legal
so long as the supply comes from
an automatic machine. If they
are handed over the counter it is a
crime. This is probably a war
measure. Its absurdity seems
beyond all reason and a reflection
on present day intelligence.

Those who receive
letters from "dis-
tant parts" are
urged to ask their
correspondents to address their
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Hongkong is a British possession.
It is a simple statement of fact, but
not generally known—even in
places where they sell stamps.
Very often it is confused with
Hankow, whilst one of the lady
invariably compares it to the sound
emitted by a motor-car. "Hong-
kong China" is not correct. Such
a designation is really an insult to
Hongkong. "Hongkong, near
China" might do, but this again is
a waste of time and good ink, and
"floor space" on an envelope.

Today's Poem.
(A Song.)
Oh, sing a song of Hongkong
Town
And masts against the sky,
Of great ships sailing up and
down,
And steamers passing by.

A song of narrow, winding streets
Where buildings graciously
Go down to where the Harbour
meets
The busy, crowded Quay.

Of pretty girls with dancing eyes,
And silken ankles neat,
Of headlands green, and azure
skies,
And flowers in the street.

Where 'trams go clanging to and
fro,
And busy motors rush,
Till that soft hour, when, lights
aglow,
The evening whispers, "Hush!"

Now, twinkling gaily everywhere,
The stars begin to shine,
She's young, and gay, and very
fair,
This Hongkong Town of mine!

WEATHER CALENDAR.
FEBRUARY 20.

1711. It snows terribly again, and
'tis mistaken, for now I
want a little good weather.
—Swift.

TRUTH WILL OUT.
In Europe we know that an age
is dying. Here in America it
would be easy to miss the signs
of coming change, but I have little
doubt that it will come. A
realization of the aimlessness of
life lived to labour and to die,
having achieved nothing but
avoided starvation, and of the
birth of children, also doomed to
the weary treadmill, has seized
the minds of millions. Sir Auck-
land Geddes.

SHADOWS BEFORE.
Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT.
February 20.—Coronet Theatre:
"Charles Ray in 'The Girl I
Loved'."

February 20.—Star Theatre:
"One Exciting Night."

February 20.—World Theatre:
Reginald Denny in "The Abyssal
Brute."

February 21.—Theatre Royal:
The Quints in "Underground
Anywhere," 9.15 p.m.

February 21.—City Hall:
Fanny Dress Ball, in aid of the
S.P.C.K., 9.30 p.m.

March 1.—St. David's Society:
Dinner.

SPORTS.
February 20-23. Hongkong
Jockey Club race meeting.

March 2.—Next Tournament of
the H.K. Boxing Asscn.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
February 26.—Lammert, Bro.,
at Clavadel, 298 The Peak, house-
hold furniture, 2.45 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
February 23.—Annual meeting
of the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation at City Hall,
11.30 p.m.

February 25.—Thirty-seventh
meeting of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.
Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's offices, 11
a.m.

February 28.—Annual Meeting
of the H.K. Rope Manufacturing
Company, at St. George's Bldg.,
Chater Road, 11 a.m.

March 3.—Thirty-fifth meeting
of the H.K. Electric Co., at St.
George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.

March 4.—Thirty-fifth ordinary
annual meeting of shareholders of
the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.,
at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd.,
11 a.m.

March 6.—Nineteenth Annual
Meeting of shareholders of the
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. in the
offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co.,
Ltd., 11 a.m.

INTERPORT SHOOTING.
HONGKONG V SHANGHAI.

SCOTTISH COMPANIES COMPETING.

Thanks to the enterprise of keen
shoots in Hongkong and Shanghai,
led by Mr. R. Sutherland, Chief-
tain of the Hongkong St. Andrew's
Society, and Captain Alastair
Campbell, Officer Commanding the
Shanghai Scottish, an entirely new
departure is being made in inter-
port history with a shooting contest
between the Hongkong and the
Shanghai Scottish Volunteers.
Each Company is to shoot off on a
given date, and results are to be
exchanged by cable.

Subject to confirmation from the
Northern port, Hongkong will
shoot off at Taikoo on Sunday
afternoon next. The conditions
as at present arranged are for ten
men a side, shooting part two of
the musketry course for trained
soldiers, all to count.

It is hoped that Shanghai will be
able to shoot off the same day, at
the Shanghai Volunteer Corps
Range.

Hongkong is very hopeful of
winning, because the local Scottish
team includes some of the best
shoots in the Colony. Among these
may be mentioned, Swan, Good-
man, Logan, and Young.

This is the first interport contest
of any kind arranged between the
Hongkong and the Shanghai
Volunteers, and it is hoped to make
the event an annual one for a
trophy to be held by the winning
side for the year.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

New York, February 18.—
Thirteen lives were lost in a fire
in a tenement house in the Ghetto
district to-night. Some of the
inmates were burned to death in
their beds. —Reuter.

A lantern lecture will be given
at the Helena May Institute on
Monday, February 25, at 5.30 p.m.,
by H. Gordon Thompson, Esq.,
M.D., F.R.C.S. Subject: "Along
the Tibetan Border." All are
welcome. The Pathé University
Machine will be used on this
occasion. —Advt.

A new motor-lorry company,
to operate on the Peninsula and
the New Territories, is mentioned
in Chinese business circles this
morning. It is stated that shares
up to \$300,000 are being called
for and that the service will in-
clude Shatin, Taipei, Sheungshui,
and Up Long, with headquarters
in Kowloon.

Mr. Frederick Mason A.R.C.O.,
L.T.C.L., new organist at St. John's
Cathedral gave his first recital at
the Cathedral last night. A well
selected programme including ex-
cerpts from Brahms, Schumann,
Wagner, Dvorak, Hamish Mac-
Cann and others, was highly ap-
preciated. Mrs. N. Mathieson
contributed pleasing solos.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A very pretty wedding took
place at St. John's Cathedral,
on February 18, at 3 p.m.,
the bride and bridegroom being
Miss Millicent Nicholl and Lieut.
Richard R. Beauchamp, R.N. The
Revs. Cooley, Moyle, and T. B.
Edkins, was attended by the
Misses Nancy Cobitt, Betty Brom-
wich and Valerie Goodfellow as
bridesmaids, and Masters David
Edkins and David Beavis as pages.

The bride's dress was of white
georgette with a white lace train.
The duties of best man were ably
carried out by Squadron Leader
C. F. Gordon, O.B.E., D.F.C.,
D.S.C. R.A.F. An exception was
held after the wedding at "Tai-
koo," the Peak, the residence of
Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FOOD.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—A Chaplain in preaching
on Sunday evening at the
Cathedral about the Prodigal Son
made a very unnecessary reference
to a very sad incident which hap-
pened recently. He said that if a
man realises he is going to die
dogs (or words to that effect) there
are only two things to do viz:
either damn the East and all its
falseness and shoot himself or to
turn over a new leaf. This struck
me and my friends as very bad
form and I could not help
wondering if the Chaplain him-
self had the faintest idea of what
it is to be up against it, did he
know the full circumstances and
has he any reverence for the
dead. I do not go to Church
often and unfortunately I
have heard this same young
lad of a Chaplain on three
occasions and every time I felt that
I do not go to Church to be amused
with cheap slang but to worship
and to receive sound instruction
and encouragement. In the Church
of England we expect straight
talking, and reverence and dignity.
Slang sounds smart and funny
perhaps but it does not last and
the meanest man has no use for it
in Church. In Hongkong we
wonder why people don't go to
Church; it is because people want
feeding with instruction on re-
ligious subjects of all kinds
and all they get at present
is either cheap slangy sermons
with no weight or tame "out
dates." Could not we have
some sermons occasionally with
some learning and thinking in
them? I have heard that there are
Chaplains in Hongkong who can
oblige with such. Do not think
that the ordinary man has no
brains; the present Labour Gov-
ernment is rather a surprise to
most people. Jesus said *Feed
my sheep*. We would be rather
surprised if we read that he tried
to be funny to attract or that he
was content "to mug along" in
the old way. Excuse my slang
but I want the chaplain to un-
derstand this letter.

Yours etc.,

MAN IN THE PEW.

Hongkong, February 19.

RESTLESS CANTON.

SUN YAT-SUN'S LATEST
TROUBLE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 19.

Speculation is rife as to what
Dr. Sun Yat-sun will do to appease
the various hordes of mercenaries
which have flocked to his banner
from different Southern provinces.
The Hunan troops now number
about 10,000 and their attitude is
regarded as aggressive by the
Yunnan who have hitherto made
hay while the sun shone. Ap-
parently the Hunans have an eye
on the gambling and other
revenues and have refused to
move to the East River even on a
promised payment of \$200,000.

That a serious undertone prevails
is evident from the alarming re-
ports in the vernacular press, some-
papers going so far as to hint open
mutiny. One thing, however,
seems certain, and that is Dr. Sun's
military power is now much
stronger than at the time of the
last East River Campaign, but as
yet the offensive even any of his
smaller opponents in the province.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY?

PRESENTATIONS TO SIR
WM. BRUNYATE.

The undergraduates of the
Hongkong University gave a con-
cert in the University Hall last
night in honour of Mr. W. W.
Hornell, the new Vice-Chancellor,
Sir William Brunyate, the retiring
Vice-Chancellor, and Sir Charles
Elliott, the ex-Vice-Chancellor. Sir
Charles was unable to attend.

At the conclusion of an enjoy-
able concert contributed to by Dr.
John Fenton, Miss Adelina
Remedios, Messrs B. C. Lee, L. E.
Ho, T. K. Kwok, K. T. Khoo, Chan,
Ong, and Dr. Sousa presentations
were made to Sir William Brunyate
and the teaching staff, Mr. B. C.
Lee, Chairman of the Students'
Union, presented to the retiring
Vice-Chancellor two handsome sil-
ver vases and an income burner
and the presentation by the teach-
ing staff, made by Professor Mid-
dleton-Smith, was a beautiful
silver bowl.

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Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and
Diarrhoea Remedy is a
standard, family medicine. Prompt,
reliable and effective for colic, cramps,
diarrhoea, cholera, nervousness,
stomach troubles, women's ailments,
night terrors, and the chronic cough of elderly
people. For sale everywhere.

MUD AND SLUSH.

HONGKONG'S RACING CARNIVAL OPENS.

SATISFACTORY PARIMUTUEL DIVIDENDS.

SMALLER SUPPORT FOR CASH SWEEPS.

Despite the depressing weather conditions racing enthusiasts went down to Happy Valley today with a good heart, prepared to make the best of things and to get as much enjoyment as might be out of the 1934 race meeting.

Skies that were dull and leaden gave little hope that the promise of yesterday's burst of sunshine would be fulfilled. Smart showers in the early part of the morning put the finishing touch on the already miry track and the course, viewed from the pressbox before the start of the first race was a woeful sight. Great lakes of water lay everywhere and the tracks were simply patches of mud and slush. A sorry setting this for the Colony's annual racing carnival but racegoers are an optimistic lot and in tackling the problem of selecting the day's winners they were able to console themselves with the reflection that the difficult conditions under which the ponies were running added if anything to the glorious uncertainties of the sport.

With commendable fortitude a number of ladies braved the mire, exposing new frocks to all sorts of perils, and came along in time for the opening race. On the lawn—only a courtesy title under present conditions—the Band of the East Surrey Regiment tried valiantly to make up for the gloominess of the weather by playing lively airs.

About ten minutes before the first race, His Excellency the Governor arrived, accompanied by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., and was met by Sir Paul Chater on behalf of the Stewards.

At the Course.

Shortly before noon, prospects did not seem at all inviting but the sun did peep out from behind the hills before the afternoon was only to be expected, the going was heavy with the result that times were decidedly on the slow side. Water covered parts of the track rendering it treacherous, particularly at the first turn from the winning post. Nevertheless, all entered into the spirit of the occasion, jockeys smilingly steering their mounts through the mud and back to the paddock or weighing-room to have its way to some extent is revealed in the reduced totals during the morning's cash sweeps and parimutuel. This may have been due to today being the 16th of the 1st month in the Chinese calendar—the anniversary of the catastrophe several years ago.

In the afternoon, a good many people found their way down and the cash sweeps attained to figures usually seen in previous years.

The Ponies' Running.

As in previous years, the "sub" griffins proved the biggest field and the "old" ponies, the smallest. Fifteen faced the starter in the opening race and sixteen were saddled for the fourth race.

All the Derby "probables" were sent out in the Trial Plate, the surmise being that trainers feel that their ponies could do with a spirited gallop before the big event to-morrow.

None of the three ponies with big Shanghai reputations—Cock o' the North, Christmas Card and Thomas a Beckett—were sent out in either the Foochow Cup, over two miles. Most of the "subs" on "soft feeding" were saddled a second time in the day.

The Winners.

To Mrs. Bernard belongs the honour of annexing first and second places in the opening race. Mr. Bagram's sturdy little Gimp, trained by Currie and ridden by Vida, was made favourite for the Maidens. He won and in doing so, beat the big Dark Mouse and Brackenfield, considered the second best in the "field" stable.

Spotted Sand bore out our contention yesterday that he is in the pink of condition, was still an excellent pony on the mud, and would win races up to a mile, by romping home in the Victoria Stakes.

Hill got his second winner of the day and also shortened King Canute's odds in the parimutuel but his backers were satisfied. Amongst good ponies, beaten in this race were The Wink, Pet Mouse, Durlah and Chico who did not seem to like the heavy going.

Ideal Dahila, last year's Derby winner, was beaten in the two-mile race by Kipli.

The Trial Plate, which owners and trainers look to as an indication of what will happen in the Derby, brought out ten ponies. Sir Paul's stable, favoured in the ante-post market, was represented by Magnificent Dahila, and Charm Dahila, great things being

expected of the former, but neither was placed. Musketeer also disappointed as did Silver Leaf which was ridden by Zellenzky and not Soares. Courtfield, Messrs. Morris and Marshall's best, won by three lengths, and was followed home by two outsiders in Grey Dragon and Mopoke.

Shanghai Jockeys Win. With their extra experience and greater racing facilities, it was only to be expected that the Shanghai jockeys would monopolise the wins. In most races they comprised at least two of the three placed riders but local jockeys were particularly elated over the success of Mr. Zellenzky.

Seventh Race Re-run. Through a misunderstanding, Rialto Star (Mr. Knoll) and The Wink (Mr. Moller) did not start in the seventh race—the Garrison Cup—although their numbers were up on the board. When the other seven ponies had completed the distance, King Alfred (Mr. Hill), Yellow River (Mr. Zellenzky) and Roman Bay (Mr. Charles) were announced as first, second and third. The parimutuel was not put up on that result. The Stewards at once held a meeting when it was decided to re-run the race at the end of the day.

After a while it was announced that the owners had withdrawn their objections and the result therefore stood. Parimutuel money on Rialto Star and The Wink was returned.

The officials were:— Patron: His Excellency Sir K. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G. Honorary Stewards: His Excellency Admiral Sir Arthur C. Lawson, K.C.B., His Excellency Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.; Hon. Sir Claud Severn, K.B.E., C.M.G., LL.D.; Commodore H.E. Grace, R.N.

Stewards: The Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.; Sir Wm. Rees Davies, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, C. Boyd, Lieut.-Colonel G. K. Hall Brutton, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Dr. C. Forsyth, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. Henry Humphreys.

Stewards-in-Charge of the Scale: Messrs. H. Humphreys and R. M. Dyer.

Judge: Mr. D. M. Ross. Assistant Judge: Mr. D. E. Clarke.

Starter: Lieut.-Colonel G. K. Hall Brutton. Second Starter: Mr. H. C. Macnamara.

Stewards-in-Charge of Paddock: Mr. H. P. White, Dr. C. Forsyth and Mr. C. C. Boyd.

Handicappers: Messrs. M. T. Johnson and F. Sutton. Stewards-in-Charge of Parimutuel: Sir C. P. Chater, Kt., C.M.G., Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, and Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen.

Time Keeper: Mr. A. A. Alves. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. C. Forsyth. Secretary: Mr. C. Bernard Brown.

Treasurers: Messrs. Linstead & Davis. Clerk of the Course: Mr. F. Sutton.

1.—THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of any Season non-winners. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$5. Half a Mile.

Parimutuel— Winner, \$ 33.30 Places:—1st \$ 12.50 2nd \$ 33.00 3rd \$ 9.00

Cash Sweep— Ticket No. 364 1st \$ 1,086.40 " 288 2nd \$ 310.40 " 522 3rd \$ 155.20

Unplaced ponies \$ 260.00 Commission \$ 453.00 Total \$ 2,265.00

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 42, 222, 201, 183, 336, 138, 101, 393, 339, 142, 236, 64, 435. Mrs. Bernard's Speargrass, 152lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 1. Mrs. Bernard's Cottongrass, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 2. Mr. Kakchiah's Masu, 151lb. (Mr. Knoll) 3.

Messrs. Albert and Arnold's Idealist, 155lb. (Mr. da Rosa) 0. Mr. Bagram's Roman Bay, 152lb. (Mr. Charles) 0. Mr. Dowbiggin's Sandman, 150lb. (Mr. Harrison) 0. Mr. Dyer's Loch Lomond, 152lb. (Mr. Matcham) 0. Mr. Dynasty's King Arthur, 154lb. (Mr. Hill) 0. Dr. Forsyth's Hurry Off, 155lb. (Mr. Sewell) 0. Messrs. Hosie & Cock's Bank- rickie, 155lb. (Mr. Palmer) 0. Mr. Mcketh's What to do, 155lb. (Mr. Seth) 0.

Mr. Pantomime's Panchinello (late Cassia River), 155lb. (Mr. Davies) 0. Lady Severn's Duku, 155lb. (Mr. Gibson) 0. Mr. Topside's Mountain Eagle, 154lb. (Mr. Bartholomew) 0. Mr. Wayfoong's Unusual, 152lb. (Mr. Brand) 0.

A length and a half, a length. Time 1.04 2/5.

2.—THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1923-1924 allowed 7lb. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a Mile.

Parimutuel— Winner, \$ 9.30 Places:—1st \$ 3.40 2nd \$ 6.00 3rd \$ 6.00

Brackenfield, \$ 5.30 Uncle George, \$ 8.90 Cash Sweep— Ticket No. 344 1st \$ 1,454.40 " 33 2nd \$ 418.40 " 253 3rd \$ 209.20

Unplaced ponies \$ 100.00 Commission \$ 548.00 Total \$ 2,740.00

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 303, 241, 419, 305, 379. Mr. Bagram's Gimp, 150lb. (Mr. Vida) 1.

Mr. Henry Humphreys's Dark Mouse, 164lb. (Mr. Knoll) 2. Messrs. Morris and Marshall's Brackenfield, 153lb. (Mr. Hill) 3. Mr. Relyon's Uncle George (late Olive Leaf), 149lb. (Mr. Harrison) 3.

Mr. B. Basto's Narcissus, 152lb. (Mr. Bauld) 0. Mr. Dyer's Loch Katrine, 152lb. (Mr. Matcham) 0. Mr. Dyer's Loch Nagar, 152lb. (Mr. Davies) 0.

Sir Paul's Eclipse Dahila, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 0. *—Dead Heat. A Head, A Length. Time 1.37 3/5.

3.—THE VICTORIA STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Bona fide Griffins on date of entry allowed 5lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924 allowed 10lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Parimutuel— Winner, \$ 13.80 Places:—1st \$ 7.70 2nd \$ 10.10 3rd \$ 3.00

Cash Sweep— Ticket No. 83 1st \$ 1,643.60 " 140 2nd \$ 459.60 " 49 3rd \$ 234.80

Unplaced ponies \$ 40.00 Commission \$ 597.00 Total \$ 2,985.00

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 358, 147. Mr. Dynast's Spotted Sand, 155lb. (Mr. Hill) 1.

Messrs. Stephen & Stitt's Benz, 152lb. (Mr. Brand) 2. Mr. H. Birkett's Sunstar, 149lb. (Mr. Knoll) 3.

Sir Paul's Honesty Dahila, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 0. Sir Paul's Peerless Dahila, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 0.

A length, A length and a half. Time 2.14 2/5 sec.

4.—THE VALLEY STAKES.—Winner \$750. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a Mile.

Parimutuel— Winner, \$ 12.70 Places:—1st \$ 7.20 2nd \$ 9.80 3rd \$ 27.10

Cash Sweep— Ticket No. 187 1st \$ 1,890.00 " 724 2nd \$ 540.00 " 204 3rd \$ 270.00

Unplaced ponies \$ 260.00 Commission \$ 740.00 Total \$ 3,700.00

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 199, 292, 716, 369, 551, 458, 700, 163, 418, 497, 501, 280, 235. Mr. Dynast's King Canute, 152lb. (Mr. Hill) 1.

Mr. Dyer's Loch Rannoch, 152lb. (Mr. Matcham) 2. Mr. Topside's Mountain Hawk, 152lb. (Mr. Burkill) 3. Mr. Alvant's Goom Rock, 158lb. (Mr. Harrison) 0.

Mr. B. Basto's Nestor, 155lb. (Mr. Bauld) 0. Mr. H. Birkett's Arctic Star, 155lb. (Mr. Davies) 0.

Mr. Brothers' Jungle Cook, 155lb. (Mr. Charles) 0. Mr. Goodie's The Wink, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 0. Messrs. Hosie and Cock's Wattneau, 155lb. (Mr. Seth) 0. Mr. Henry Humphreys's Pet Mouse, 152lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0. Mr. John Peel's Shu River, 155lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Mrs. J. M. D'Almada Remedios Gutter Snipe, 152lb. (Mr. Soares) 0. Mr. E. Rouillon's Ace, 155lb. (Mr. da Rosa) 0. Lady Severn's Durlah, 158lb. (Mr. Vida) 0. Lady Severn's Lannet, 155lb. (Mr. Bauld) 0. Mrs. Stephen's Chico, 155lb. (Mr. Brand) 0.

Three quarters of a length. Two lengths. Time 1.40 2/5.

5.—THE FOOCHOW CUP.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have run at any previous Official Meeting and not won a race and Griffins allowed 5lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924 allowed 10lb. (Jockey allowance.) Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. Two Miles.

Parimutuel— Winner, \$ 11.00 Places:—1st \$ 6.30 2nd \$ 6.00 3rd \$ 11.30

Cash Sweep— Ticket No. 754 1st \$ 2,842.00 " 217 2nd \$ 812.00 " 727 3rd \$ 406.00

Unplaced ponies \$ 60.00 Commission \$ 1,030.00 Total \$ 5,150.00

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 369, 126, 472.

Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's Kupi, 152lb. (Mr. Brand) 1. Sir Paul's Ideal Dahila, 161lb. (Mr. Moller) 2.

Messrs. Soares and D'Almada Remedios Kennington, 155lb. (Mr. Soares) 3. Mr. Relyon's Uncle Bob (late White Star Dahila), 152lb. (Mr. Matcham) 0.

Mrs. Bernard's Rivergrass (late Priormuir), 153lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Mr. A. H. Carroll's Clover Leaf, 150lb. (Mr. Sewell) 0.

A length and a half, 5 lengths. Time 4.45 3/5.

6.—THE TRIAL PLATE.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924 allowed 7lb. Winner of the Maiden Stakes 7lb. extra. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. Allowances accumulative. One Mile and a quarter.

Parimutuel— Winner, \$ 8.60 Places:—1st \$ 6.70 2nd \$ 13.60 3rd \$ 31.80

Cash Sweep— Ticket No. 588 1st \$ 3,200.40 " 107 2nd \$ 944.40 " 438 3rd \$ 457.20

Unplaced ponies \$ 140.00 Commission \$ 1,178.00 Total \$ 5,890.00

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 405, 856, 947, 304, 422, 1095, 160. Messrs. Morris and Marshall's Courtfield, 155 (Mr. Hill) 1.

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Grey Dragon, 155lb. (Mr. Knoll) 2. Dr. F. H. Kew's Mopoke 151 lb. (Mr. Charles) 3.

Mr. A. A. Alves' Musketeer, 155lb. (Mr. Bauld) 0. Mr. Bill's Sovereign Bill (late Roman Eagle), 158lb. (Mr. Gibson) 0.

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Silver Leaf, 158lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Sir Paul's Magnificent, 158lb. (Mr. Burkill) 0.

Sir Paul's Charm Dahila, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 0. Mr. Relyon's Uncle Bill (late Laurel Leaf), 153lb. (Mr. Harrison) 0.

Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's Gaudie, 152lb. (Mr. Brand) 0. Three lengths. A neck. Time 2.53 3/5.

7.—THE GARRISON CUP.—Presented by the Officers of the Garrison, \$400 added for Winner. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Subscription Griffins of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at previous Official Meeting of one Race 7lb.; of more than one 10lb.; at this Meeting 3lb. extra. Penalties accumulative. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Parimutuel— Winner, \$ 10.50 Places:—1st \$ 5.50 2nd \$ 5.50 3rd \$ 7.00

Cash Sweep— Ticket No. 758 1st \$ 3,189.20 " 299 2nd \$ 911.20 " 62 3rd \$ 455.60

Unplaced ponies \$ 120.00 Commission \$ 1,169.00 Total \$ 5,845.00

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 350, 694, 113, 1092, 955, 849. Mr. Dynast's King Alfred, 152lb. (Mr. Hill) 1.

Mr. John Peel's Yellow River, 168lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 2. Mr. Bagram's Roman Bay, 150lb. (Mr. Charles) 3.

Mr. Goodie's The Wink, 155lb. (Mr. Moller) 0. Mr. H. Birkett's Rialto Star, 156lb. (Mr. Knoll) 0. Mr. Black's Blue Dan, 150lb. (Mr. Hall) 0.

FINAL EDITION NEWS.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

MEXICO CITY, February 20. Federal troops have occupied Morelia without fighting. COAL INDUSTRY PEACE. JACKSONVILLE, February 19. An agreement has been reached providing for renewal of the present bituminous coal terms. The miners' union has declared that it has laid the groundwork for peace in the coal industry and the continuous supply of fuel for at least three years.

GERMAN POLITICS.

BERLIN, February 19. Dissolution of the Reichstag is expected next week in consequence of the Social Democrats' opposition to the emergency powers act in its present form.

ITALY AND YUGO-SLAVIA.

(Reuter's General Service.)

BELGRADE, February 19. The Chamber has ratified the agreement between Italy and Yugo-Slavia.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. T. R. Hughes, K.C., the first meeting of the Court of Inquiry into the question of the capitulation fees paid to medical practitioners under the National Health Insurance Acts was held at the Ministry of Health.

* Through a misunderstanding Rialto Star and The Wink did not start.

Two Lengths. Three Lengths. Time 2.22 3/5.

8.—THE CHATER CUP.—Value \$1,000 to Winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies that have run in at least two Gymkhana Meetings in Hongkong during the Season 1923. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner during 1923 of one race 5lb., of two Races 7lb., of three or more Races 10lb. penalty. Ponies that have started and never been placed in an Official Race allowed 10lb. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. From the Two Mile Post—Once Round and in.

Parimutuel— Winner, \$ 10.00 Places:—1st \$ 5.30 2nd \$ 5.80 3rd \$ 5.30

Cash Sweep— Ticket No. 521 1st \$ 2,816.80 " 212 2nd \$ 603.60 " 359 3rd \$ 603.60

Unplaced ponies \$ 100.00 Commission \$ 1,031.00 Total \$ 5,155.00

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 599, 359, 75, 836, 509. Mr. C. C. Boyd's Ramsbury (late Roman Pride), 165lb. (Mr. Brand) 1.

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Fern Leaf (late Silvaplana), 168lb. (Mr. Soares) 2. Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Penelope, 157lb. (Mr. Knoll) 2.

Dr. F. H. Kew's Bandicoot (late Axiemuir), 160lb. (Mr. Charles) 0. Mr. A. A. Alves's Starland, 162lb. (Mr. Bauld) 0.

Mr. Bill's Silver Bill (late Australboy), 163 lb. (Mr. Gibson) 0. Mr. Relyon's Uncle George (late Oliver Leaf), 149lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0.

Mr. R. J. Wilton's Arizona, 154lb. (Mr. Harrison) 0. *—Dead Heat. Five Lengths. Time 2.29 3/5.

9.—THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1923-1924 allowed 10lb. Winners at this Meeting 5lb. extra. (Jockey allowance.) Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Parimutuel— Winner, \$ 8.00 Places:—1st \$ 6.10 2nd \$ 5.60 3rd \$ 5.60

Cash Sweep— Ticket No. 111 1st \$ 2,483.50 " 279 2nd \$ 769.60 " 242 3rd \$ 354.80

Unplaced ponies \$ 40.00 Commission \$ 897.00 Total \$ 4,485.00

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each, tickets Nos. 482, 597. Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's Cock o' the North, 158lb. (Mr. Brand) 1.

Sir Paul's Fascination Dahila (late Thomas a Beckett), 158lb. (Mr. Burkill) 2. Sir Paul's Valiant Dahila, 152lb. (Mr. Vida) 3.

Mr. Cornish's Bonus, 150lb. (Mr. Zellenzky) 0. Mr. Dynast's King Johnnie, 155lb. (Mr. Davies) 0. Five Lengths. Many Lengths. Time 2.49. (Continued on page 19.)

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A THRILLING NARRATIVE.

DR. THOMPSON ON THE BORDERS OF TIBET.

Dr. Gordon Thompson, M.D., F.R.C.S. thrilled his audience at St. Andrew's Church Hall last night with the story of his travels near the Tibetan border on the tragic expedition which brought the death of Brigadier Pereira, the famous Tibetan explorer. Dr. Thompson also described his capture by bandits and how he escaped. The narrative was made all the more absorbing by a series of lantern slides illustrating the beautiful scenery of the unexplored country. Sir Claude Severn presided over a gathering which packed the hall. Dr. Thompson said he left Yunnanfu with Brigadier-General Pereira on July 17th, with the object of travelling along the Tibetan border, that is to say, across the extreme west of the provinces of Yunnan, Szechuan and Kansu. The journey was mapped out in five sections: Yunnanfu to Likiang, Likiang to Batang, Batang to Paotao, and thence to Peking. On arrival at Likiang, the party secured fresh transport and mules and from then onwards had Tibetan muleteers. Likiang is the old Mosu capital, and the lecturer observed that it was most interesting to see the Mosu people in their peculiar dress. From Likiang, they pressed on to Atuntze, Yakalo and Batang, crossing from the watershed of the Yangtze to that of the Mekong—the two rivers, being separated only by two short days' journey. The Mekong valley differs from that of the Yangtze in that it lies in what may be called a deep cleft of rock formation. CHIEF MULETEER DIES.

In this valley a particularly virulent form of malaria fever is prevalent and the chief muleteer suddenly developed symptoms of severe fever. At this time the party was passing over a very dangerous road continuously subject to landslides. The whole side of the hill was covered with shingle and the road itself was but 12 or 15 inches wide, and from it shingle continually ratted down into the river. The sick muleteer was swaying in his saddle and every moment they expected to see him topple off his mule and toboggan into the river, but the worst part of the road was passed before he finally collapsed. Just as he fell one of the Tibetans caught him by the leg and pulled him back on to the road. The sufferer was carried into a Tibetan village and the doctor and the General spent the night nursing him, but in 36 hours he died, and was buried by the wayside.

Batang was reached 55 days after leaving Yunnanfu. Batang is some 8,000 feet above sea level, but the country between Batang and Kanze is mostly much higher plateau land averaging 13,000 to 14,000 feet elevation. Fifteen days were spent in crossing this bleak country, snow falling almost every day, with an occasional blizzard for a change. Fuel was most difficult to obtain, and what little could be got consisted of yak dung, with a little brushwood, the result being that even the Chinese cook failed under this severe test and the dishes he produced were almost inedible. This high plateau country is the source of a number of the smaller rivers which flow into the Yangtze and had never before been crossed by Europeans.

GENERAL PEREIRA'S DEATH. About four days before arriving at Kanze Brigadier-General Pereira was taken ill, but managed to keep going, and Dr. Thompson was hopeful that on arriving at Kanze at a somewhat lower level and in a warm Tibetan house instead of the thin tent he would speedily recover. About 10.30 o'clock on the last day's journey Dr. Thompson was informed by one of the men that the General had collapsed and was lying on the ground half a mile to the rear. Dr. Thompson immediately went back and found that the General had not fallen, but had dismounted and was lying on the ground. They were then only three and a half miles from Kanze. The doctor tended him for two hours at the roadside and he then became easier and managed to mount his pony, the two then became easier and managed to mount his pony, the two then became easier and managed to mount his pony.

An attempt was made to get people to carry the bed for the remaining mile and a quarter to Kanze, but neither passers by nor the yak drivers of the party would touch the bed upon which the sick man lay. Very reluctantly the conclusion was arrived at that the only way to reach Kanze would be to help him on to his pony, and this was done very slowly the way was reached. The doctor had sent a Tibetan boy ahead to find shelter and a camp, and all was ready when the party arrived in the evening.

CURSE OF WAR.

FURTHER DISARMAMENT DELAYS.

WASHINGTON, February 18. Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, in a letter to Mr. Fish, a member of the House of Representatives, declares it is not feasible at present to call an international conference on the further limitation of naval armaments.

The letter adds that as far as light cruisers, submarines and aircraft are concerned, America's position is the same as at the Washington Conference, and the difficulties of reaching an agreement have not yet been removed.

An agreement on poison gas was reached at the Washington Conference, but one signatory Power has not yet ratified the treaty, and it has therefore been impossible to put it into effect.

The United States has reduced its land forces to the fullest extent practicable. Mr. Hughes incidentally expresses the hope that the European Powers will, at no distant date, find it profitable to largely reduce and limit their land armies.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Tokyo, February 18.—In a statement issued by Baron Matsui, in reply to M. Karahan's interview with Japanese correspondents at Peking, it is stated that Japan's policy vis a vis Russia remains unchanged. She is desirous of resuming full relations with Russia provided outstanding questions be settled.—*Reuter.*

The relief came too late, however, for although the General became more easy about midnight, a sudden change then occurred and at 1.15 a.m. he passed away. Sixteen Indians carried the coffin to the grave, and so he was buried under the shadow of a great Tibetan Lamastery at Kanze, in view of the range of snow-covered mountains which border the river.

DR. THOMPSON'S CAPTURE. The journey from Lanchow to Paotao was continued by cart and it was when within six hours of the railway of the Kalgan route at Paotao when Dr. Thompson had the misfortune to encounter a band of *tufei*, composed of ex-Chinese soldiers, Mongols and nondescript robbers. He was compelled to career about the country with them for eight days, but at last managed to get away. The first difficulty was that of getting in touch with the Chinese authorities and giving them information, and with that purpose in view, the doctor refused to take any but foreign food, knowing that this could only be secured by sending in to Paotao. After 24 hours' discussion, the bandits agreed to this request, and the doctor wrote his letter asking for food and also giving information as to his condition and whereabouts, and how he might be recognized. He thought that, if the Chinese would only keep up pressure, he might find a chance of escaping. The doctor's Chinese boy was selected as the first messenger, and before he left Dr. Thompson whispered to him a warning not to return. He did not. Two or three letters were subsequently sent in, asking for and at the same time giving information. After four days, a food arriving, Dr. Thompson suggested that the brigands should take him to some place where there might be a foreign mission.

THE ESCAPE. The brigands, fearing that Dr. Thompson was going to die, quickly agreed, and off they went with him to the Belgian Roman Catholic Mission at Ti Moor. The Catholic Priest there was exceedingly kind, and Dr. Thompson expressed his gratitude for the help given him. The Priest did his best to negotiate with the robbers, whose terms for release were: 1,000 rifles, four machine guns, \$400,000 and admission to the army. After 48 hours' bargaining, Father de Wilde had to leave on a visit to a priest in captivity with another band of robbers, but that night the agent of a Chinese official contrived to bribe the doctor's guards, who came to him and helped him to get away. Travelling through the night, Dr. Thompson crossed the Yellow River over the ice and reached Paotao next day, thence going forward to Peking.

Describing the medical work of the journey, Dr. Thompson said, between Yunnanfu and Batang, 55 days' journey, there was no doctor. At Batang there was a doctor connected with the American Mission. From Batang to Kanze and on to Lanchow there is no doctor—75 days. From Lanchow to Peking there is no medical man and all the way through Chinese tribes—people, Lamas, Mongols and European missionaries came for advice and treatment. At every place where they stopped numbers of sick were brought for treatment. At one centre, where they "rested" one day, 250 patients were treated and all along the road from Yunnanfu to Peking there are sick folk who are doubtless looking back upon the visit of the doctor with gratitude.

"RAFS" ANNUAL REVEL.

A CHEERY NIGHT.

FLYING MEN FOREGATHER.

About thirty flying men who saw service aloft during the war spent a cheery evening at the Hongkong Hotel last night, the occasion being the annual Royal Air Force re-union dinner. Everyone present had been a "RAF" except one solitary pressman who tactfully, as he thought, retired after the official toast list had been gone through and the night's "stunting" threatened to begin.

The table decorations were really worth seeing. The centre had been rigged up as a miniature aerodrome, with some beautiful little models of baby aeroplanes spinning about and, as one speaker pointed out, a handy clump of trees at each end to crash into. This, it was announced, was the work of Messrs. Robson and Church, of the Kowloon Docks, who were present at the dinner, and were deservedly commended for their distinctly artistic effort. A touch of humour was added in the shape of large placards which were hung around the room and contained such pronouncements as "observers are not allowed to stroll around on the wings under 10,000 feet" and "no stunting with Crossleys."

Squadron Leader Gordon, O.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., of the Air Intelligence Staff, acted as Chairman, and after the health of the King and the "silent toast" had been drunk, he proposed the toast of "Flying Services—Past and Present." In so doing he expressed gratification that the flying service as a defensive unit was at last coming into its own, pointing out that in India and Mesopotamia airmen were taking over more and more sections of the frontier.

Impromptu speeches liberally sprinkled with humorous reminiscences and witticisms at the expense of "Bolo House" followed and later there was music.

It was, at any rate, a very jolly evening and if the directions contained in a confidential "Flight Order" circulated during the dinner were properly carried out there will probably be more than one individual in the Colony who will not forget the "Rafs" annual revel.

Headed "through 'Rumpetie' to promotion" (a free translation of the famous R.A.F. motto *Per ardua astra*) the humorously worded menu was as follows:—

Menu.

Just a drop of Juice—Gordon's No. 1 Aero.

Hors d'Oeuvres—Carbon-Deposit.

Potage—Suck—In avec.

A little drop from the Priming Squirt.

Fried Blimps and Sauce Castrole.

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(To be repeated at intervals during the duration of the "Flip.")

Crashed R.E.-8's in Solidified Dope.

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EXCHANGE ACTION.

ARGUMENT ABOUT A
WITNESS.

At the Supreme Court yesterday the action in which the Bank of East Asia is suing Mr. Mody, a retired exchange broker, for the sum of \$77,000, odd, again came before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies).

Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C. and Mr. F. C. Jenkin represent the Bank whilst Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K. C. and Mr. Campbell Prosser appear for Mr. Mody.

When the case was reopened Mr. Alabaster asked for permission to recall Mr. Champion, manager of the P. & O. Banking Corporation, to answer a question regarding mercantile customs in Hongkong.

Mr. Potter objected. Mr. Alabaster, he said, desired to call new evidence. Never, throughout the whole of the case, had the other side attempted to prove mercantile custom. They deliberately omitted to call evidence to this effect. Plaintiff submitted, on the other side's plea, that there was no case to answer.

"Has your Lordship," he asked, ever heard of permission being given to call evidence to make good the defects in a case?"

The Chief Justice: I understand Mr. Alabaster only wants to put a single question to the witness.

Mr. Potter: That is the whole point of my contention. I have maintained that the question of mercantile customs has not been proved—the other side how admit it was up to them to prove it—so I submit they cannot go back upon their case and attempt to prove it at this stage.

The Chief Justice: This seems to be the position: You have finished your case, Mr. Alabaster, and you come forward with a submission to be allowed to obtain further evidence. I have never heard of such a case. You consider your case and submit it, you actually call expert witnesses, and then, having put your case, you propose to ask the Court to allow you, in effect, to re-open.

Mr. Alabaster: It is necessary, Your Lordship, in the interests of justice. Mr. Potter says that there is no case to answer. This, I submit, does not merely mean a "non-suit." It means penal judgment against Mr. Mody for \$77,000. Mr. Potter said nothing about the interests of justice, or the technical rules of procedure. I submit this evidence is required, in this case, in the interests of justice.

The Chief Justice: It is obviously an important matter to both sides. Suppose I reserve my decision and let the case proceed? Mr. Alabaster was in agreement with this suggestion, but Mr. Potter strongly opposed, not so much the reservation of His Lordship's decision but the submission of the point.

After further argument the Chief Justice said it seemed to him that Mr. Alabaster was asking him to be a party to an irregularity. The question was whether his Lordship should consent on the understanding that the other side might also have the right to call any fresh evidence required.

Mr. Alabaster attempted to proceed with his argument, on the point, but was told by the Chief Justice to leave the matter. Decision would be reserved.

Mr. Campbell Prosser, in reviewing defendant's case, said he would show that there was a case to answer. He continued to address the Court in the afternoon and the case was adjourned *sine die*.

EUROPEANS ROBBED.

THEFT FROM KOWLOON
HOUSE.

SMART DETECTIVE WORK.

Thanks to a bit of astute detective work by two brothers named Prata who live in "Eastern House," Kowloon, an overcoat belonging to Mr. H. Greenwood together with another overcoat and a dressing gown the property of Mr. G. E. Ellams, who both reside at No. 7, Pratt Avenue, were recovered after the garments had been stolen by two Chinese youths yesterday.

Evidence was given by Henry José Prata that he was in his bath when, on looking through the window he saw defendants leaving No. 7, Pratt Avenue, each wearing overcoats and one carrying the dressing-gown. He sent his brother Mario Prata, who also gave evidence, to follow the youths. While Mario kept them under observation through Chatham and Mody Roads, he dressed and also gave chase. They took defendants into custody and the police found the owners. In the witness-box Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Ellams claimed the clothing as their respective property.

The case having been found proven, first defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and the second who had a previous conviction, to six months.

CONSIGNMENT NOTICE.

Cargo arrived per S.S. "Java" re-arriving, consigned after 10 days will be put out to rent. Agents—John Mackay & Co., Ltd.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LTD.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Hongkong Tramways Limited will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company Limited, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of February, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

HONGKONG POLICE

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(By kind permission of Lt.-Col.
L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.)on
SATURDAY, Feb. 23rd, 1924,
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Hongkong, 20th February, 1924.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The A.S.L. s.s. "Bakersfield" which is due at Hongkong on Feb. 22 sailed from Amoy for Swatow on Feb. 19.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mora" left Shanghai for this port on Feb. 19 at 10 p.m. and is due here on Feb. 22 at 7 a.m.

Peking, February 19.—It is understood that Wu Yu-lin, who proceeded to Loyang and Nan-king this morning, is charged with a mission to remove the friction between Chi Hsieh-yuan and Wu Pei-fu over the report that Wu Pei-fu had offered Lu Yung-hsiang the Vice Presidency, to which Chi Hsieh-yuan aspires.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

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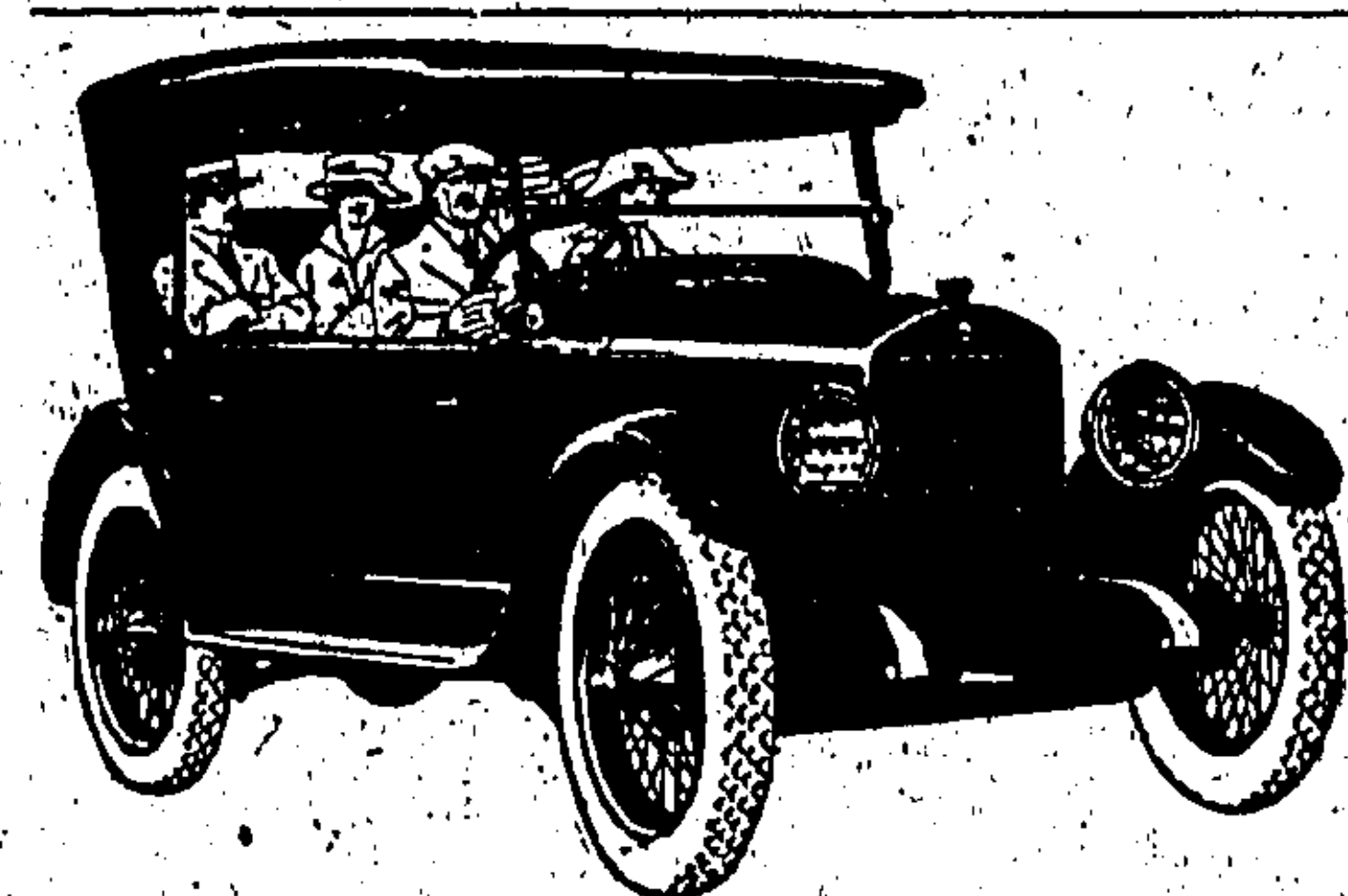
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of this company for presentation at the 34th Ordinary General Meeting to be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, on Tuesday, March 4, at 11 a.m., is as follows:—

The Gross Profit for the year is..... \$1,024,819.99

The amount brought forward from the previous year..... 98,633.68

\$1,123,453.67

After allowing for the Interim Dividend paid in September last... \$200,000.00

Directors' and Auditors' fees, etc..... 8,655.50

Writing off 10% for depreciation on the Company's Buildings, Machinery, Launches, Lighters, etc..... 52,113.50

260,769.00

The Balance to be dealt with is... \$862,684.67

which it is recommended should be applied as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$1.50 per share \$600,000.00

To write off Buildings and Machinery, at Macao Works, an additional... 40,000.00

To write off Buildings and Machinery, at Hok. Un Works, an additional... 45,688.57

To write off Buildings and Machinery, at Deep Water Bay Works, an additional... 10,000.00

To write off Launches and Lighters, etc., an additional... 10,000.00

To place to Reserve for New Plant... 50,000.00

To Bonus to Staff... 13,648.21

and carry forward to the credit of next year's account... 93,347.89

\$862,684.67

Since the last Annual Meeting, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Very Rev. Father Robert and Sir Paul Chater have resigned, and Mr. C. A. da Rosa, Mr. Li Tse Fong and Mr. C. F. Mendham have joined the Board. These appointments require confirmation.

Under Article (14) of the Articles of Association, Mr. R. G. Shewan retires; but being eligible offers himself for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews who are eligible for re-appointment.

EWO COTTON MILLS LD.

DIVIDEND RECOMMENDATIONS.

At a meeting of the Consulting Committee of the Ewo Cotton Mills Ltd., it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to apportion the balance at credit of profit and loss account at December 31, 1923, of Tls. \$69,615.39, as follows:

To pay a dividend on preference shares at the rate of 8 percent per annum..... 72,000.00

To pay a dividend on 900,000 ordinary shares at the rate of Tls. 0.55 per share..... 495,000.00

To write off buildings..... 45,000.00

To write off plant and machinery..... 190,000.00

To write off water supply..... 2,252.00

To write off furniture..... 1,306.69

To write off motor car..... 800.00

To add to special repairs and renewals fund..... 40,000.00

To pay bonus to staff at mills..... 20,000.00

To carry forward to new account..... 3,256.72

Tls. \$69,615.39

COAL AND COKE.

Advices from Canton hint that a firm tone prevails in the coal and coke market there. Interference with river traffic has rendered prices of firewood prohibitive for commercial and industrial purposes; hence an ever-increasing demand for imported fuel. Even the smallest restaurants and tea-houses in Canton are now using coal and coal of a fairly good quality in preference to firewood. The abnormal number of steam-launches plying in the delta is another source of increased demand.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Java Sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$16.04; No. 24 fine white \$17.00; No. 18 rough brown \$15.20.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—Slam No. 1 long white superior: old crop \$8.80; new crop \$8.50; Saigon No. 1 long white \$7.65.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Dayton \$2.72; Banana \$2.70; Kwan Tao \$2.75; White Greens \$2.78; Nutmeg Orange \$2.75; Kingfisher \$2.90; C. & C. \$2.82; White Rose \$2.67; Melon \$2.81.

NEW DEBENTURE STOCK.

London, February 19.

The Bank of England will invite applications for £1,800,000 5 per cent. debenture stock issued at 98½ in respect of which the Government will guarantee the principal and interest under the Trade Facilities Act.

The proceeds are required to pay for a fleet of motor ships for £1,800,000 ordered by Harland Wolffs.—Reuter.

TRADE FACILITIES ACT.

London, February 19.

In the House of Commons, moving a series of financial resolutions extending the aggregate amount for loans to be guaranteed under the Trade Facilities Act from £50,000,000 to £65,000,000. Mr. William Graham, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, explained that the resolutions included at least one of the proposals of the Imperial Economic Conference, namely that authorising the Treasury to guarantee for five years three quarters of the interest on certain dominion, colonial and public utility loans, the proceeds of which were to be expended in the United Kingdom. The resolutions were agreed to without division.—Reuter.

COTTON INDUSTRY.

London, February 19.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Charles Lyle, Mr. Sydney Webb, President of the Board of Trade, stated that the Government considered an increase in the world's supply of raw cotton very important, and had every intention of carrying on the policy of promoting cotton growing within the Empire.—Reuter.

FALL OF THE FRANC.

Paris, February 18.

The Bourse du Commerce, Paris, has been closed since die by a decree of the Prefect of Police, on the ground that quotations are resulting in an exchange crisis calculated to lead to an abnormal increase in prices.

It is stated that taxation up to the present agreed on amounted to 4,730,000 francs. The sitting lasted until 5.30 in the morning.—Reuter.

London, February 18.

The French rentes have reached low records, the four per cent. at 17½ the five per cent. at 21½ ex coupon. This influence is seen in the collapse of exchange to 102.10 francs to the pound sterling.—Reuter.

Paris, February 19.

The French franc fell to 105 and the Belgian to 125.—Reuter.

RAW SILK INDUSTRY.

DEMORALIZED BY EARTHQUAKE.

New York, January 12.

Virtual demoralization of the Japanese raw silk industry as a result of the earthquake last August has emphasised the necessity of developing new sources of supply throughout the world. Mr. James A. Goldsmith, President of the Silk Association of America, said at the annual dinner of the organization to-night.

Silk manufacturers, he said, have already turned to China, which gave the greatest promise of replacing the Japanese field. Turkey, Persia, Syria and the Caucasus, also were mentioned as offering unlimited opportunities for development.

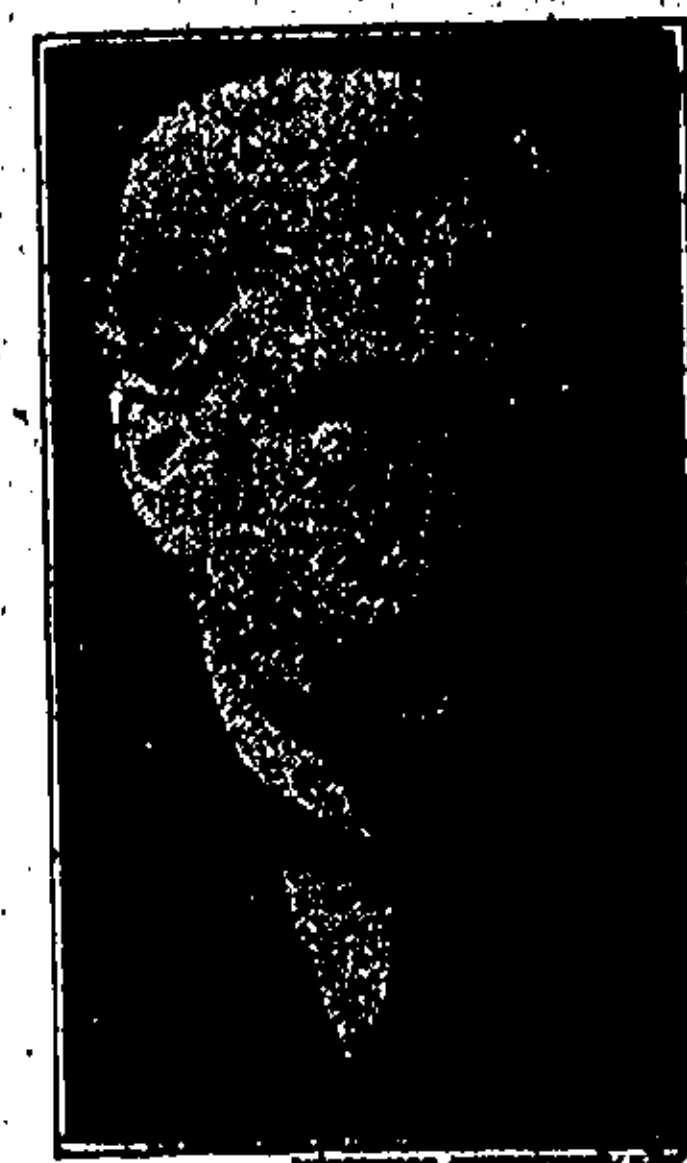
The Silk Association of America, Mr. Goldsmith said, had erected sericulture buildings at Canton Christian College, the University of Nanking and at Fokien University, where silk culture and handling would be taught scientifically. Present methods in use in China are largely antiquated and result in huge wastage, he said.

A research and development programme of the Association extending over a ten years' period was outlined.—Reuter's American Service.

SUN LIFE CO.

Another record year's business is announced by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. The new life insurance policies issued and paid for during 1923 amounted to G. \$107,391,265, and during the year the company allotted as profits to policyholders G. \$4,417,068, and now has a surplus over all liabilities of G. \$17,873,565.

STILL AT THE HELM.



London, February 19.

Persistent reports that the Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, is contemplating resigning the Foreign Secretaryship on account of ill-health are authoritatively denied.

It is stated that reports of his ill-health are unfounded.—Reuter.

HOME SPORT.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP.

Football enthusiasts at Home are warming up as the third round of the F. A. Cup is to be played on Saturday. We have our Shield competition in Hongkong but, in comparison, it has not that excessive interest over the league that the annual battles have for the people in the Homeland.

According to a Reuter's cable yesterday, seven Southern, and nine Northern teams are left to fight their way to the final at Wembley. The rivals in last year's remarkable match, Bolton Wanderers (winners) and West Ham United (runners-up) have both been ejected. Other cup-fighters with great traditions, who have been beaten in the earlier stages are the Spurs, "Proud Preston," Blackburn Rovers, Everton, Burnley, and Sheffield while the famous Corinthians did not get far.

Of the seven Southern teams, hopes are centred in Cardiff, the first league leaders who have made dramatic progress since the war but have never played in the final. Southampton, Crystal Palace and Bristol City are second division teams. The first-named has a glorious cup record, having been runners-up twice. Swindon seems the most promising of the three third division (S.) teams but on the whole, it looks as if Wembley will be flooded with North-countrymen and the cup remain in the North another year.

Aston Villa, Liverpool, West Bromwich, Newcastle, Burnley, Huddersfield and Manchester City represent the North who have also Leeds (second division) and the plucky Wolves (third division). The tit-bits of the rounds should be the ties between West Bromwich and Wolverhampton, and Burnley and Huddersfield. The Villa seems to have an easy task with Leeds, while Liverpool travel to Southampton. Altogether there should be a more than interesting third round after which talk will begin as to likely winners.

HOME FOOTBALL.

GLAMOUR OF THE CUP.

London, February 18.

In the F. A. Cup second round replay, Crystal Palace beat Notts County 2-1 at Birmingham.

The draw for the third round to be played on February 23, is as follows:—

Cardiff v. Bristol City; Crystal Palace v. Swindon; Southampton v. Liverpool; West Bromwich v. Newcastle; Burnley v. Huddersfield; Aston Villa v. Leeds; Brighton v. Manchester City.—Reuter.

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MONEY-AGENT.

New York, February 19.

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1885 as assistant private secre-
tary to the Earl of Carnarvon,
then Viceroy of Ireland.



Prince George, who has been
asked by the King to wait a
while before making a definite
announcement of his engage-
ment to Lady Alexandra Cur-
zon, daughter of the former
Foreign Secretary, Lord Cur-
zon. The King and Queen
raised no objection in principle,
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ese statesman, who will in all
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portant post of Minister of
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Italian author, who will shortly
be making a tour of the world,
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Arthur G. Havers, British
Open Golf champion, who is now
touring the United States.



Justice Sir John Sankey, an
important member of the En-
glish Bench, who is taking a
prominent part in politics.



Commissioner M. F. O'Han-
lon, Chairman of the Farmers'
Party in Ireland, who sailed for
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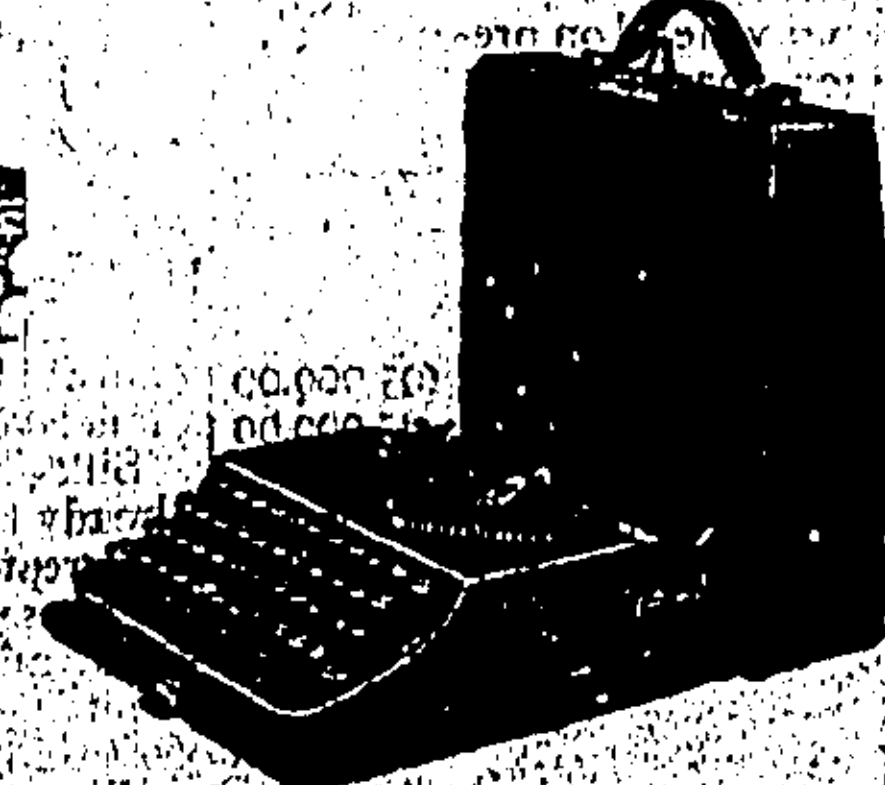
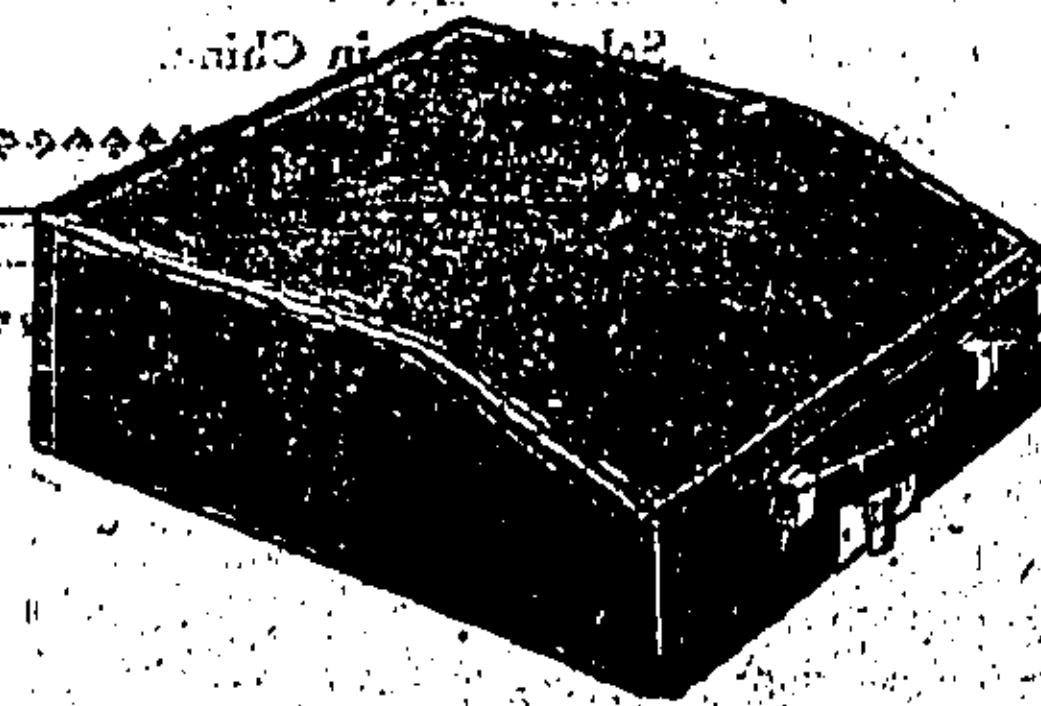
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steady preparation so that owners
are justified in claiming that it
is the "most open race for
years."

By winning the Trial Stakes as
he did, Courtfield must be
made favourite although it has to
be conceded that Sir Paul, with
his big string and three Shanghai
crack jockeys, will still have to be
reckoned with.

Musketier gave the appearance
of having been over-trained or
gone off slightly. At any rate,
his performance to-day has
seriously discredited his good
marks in last week's training.
Silver Leaf, always considered a
better than average outsider,
has also disappointed.

Gymp is a 12.3 pony and with
the exception of Silver Streak
(who was rated 13 hands in
Shanghai) very few 12.3 ponies
have won the Hongkong Derby.
If started, he should be near the
first three but if he tries for
either the Lusitano Cup or the
Black Rock Stakes, he has a good
chance of winning despite his
penalty.

Dark Mouse might even do
better than to-day.

Mopoke has again proved him-
self a "stinker" but Charles' style
of riding suits him. He would be
an ideal pony to back for an out-
sider's chance for a place in to-
morrow's Derby.

As Jewel Dablia II. could only
finish many lengths behind the
Woodpecker and Edenhall, both of
Sir Paul's griffins which were in
the limelight, have not come up to
expectations. In view of public
support for Lady Chater's pony
(The Woodpecker) and his win
in the Racing Stakes, he is be-
lieved as the most likely one to
finish behind Courtfield. The
opinion of experts on the course
favoured Courtfield for first place
and the Woodpecker for second.

Old Ponies and Subs.

Spotted Sand will carry a 7lb.
penalty if started in the Governor's
Cup (5 furlongs) to-morrow. Un-
less there is an appreciable change
in the course, he should be a good
favourite.

Kupl carries no penalty in the
Challenge (1 3/4 miles) but either
Christmas Card or Thomas a
Becket should just best him.

Cock of the North should win the
Exchange Plate under 158lbs and
seems booked for the Champions.
Clover Leaf is thought to have
too big feet to win on a very
heavy course and Sewell will find
it hard to break through the
Shanghai jockeys.

Ramsbury and Livergrass
could both do well in races for
their class.

Enough has not been seen of the
subs to make predictions with
safety. On the strength of to-day's
showing, the two Kings—Alfred
and Canute—should both do well,
especially as Hill understands
them.

Others are Loch, Rannoch, and
Spearsgrass. Of those that failed
in the Wongsheehing and the
Valley Stakes, Durian, Chico
and The Work are also expected
to be placed if not to win.

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INTERPORT BILLIARDS.

SHANGHAI TEAM VISITS CANTON.

The visit of the Shanghai Inter-
port Billiards Team to Canton has
proved of great interest.

On Thursday night Mr. and
Mrs. Eca da Silva gave a supper
dance at their residence in honour
of the visitors. The guests also
included the Commander and
several officers of the Portuguese
gunboat "Patria" and the Com-
mittee and members of the Club
Lusitano. The Jazz Band of the
Victoria Hotel was in attendance,
and the party broke up shortly
after midnight after a most
enjoyable time.

The Shanghai players were
guests of the Club Lusitano on
Friday at a dinner dance. As the
Club could not raise a team to
meet the players an exhibition
game was arranged between Mr.
J. P. Campos, Captain of the
Shanghai Team and Mr. A. J.
Osmund, Captain of the Hong-
kong Team who very sportingly
consented to come up to Canton
to play. The game was called on
at the Club Lusitano at 6 p.m.
with Mr. E. Remedios in charge.
There was a large crowd of
spectators including a number of
ladies, and the players came in for
hearty applause on being intro-
duced to those present. Playing
on a strange table it was but to be
expected that neither player could
stand out exceptionally, neverthe-
less, at times, there was brilliant
play on the part of both. Campos
started the game and both he and
his opponent failed to score on
their first visit to the table. On
his second visit Campos compiled
a neat break of 40. He had hard
lines in missing a cannon and was
heartily applauded for his efforts.
Osmund again failed to score and
Campos making another break of
30 reached the 70 mark. Osmund
failed to get going and with
breaks of 11, 18 and 9 Campos
passed the first century. Osmund
replied with a 4 and it looked as
if the Shanghai player would run
away with the game and every
visit to the table he scored, whilst
his opponent seemed unable to do
anything right. On his succe-

sive visits to the table Campos
with small breaks reached the
150 mark. With small breaks of
4, 6 and 8 Osmund reached the
30 mark and finally made a break
of 44—the highest in the game—
thus reducing the lead of the
Shanghai player. From this stage
both players seemed to be playing
with a little more confidence and
Campos reached the 190 mark.
Here he struck a bad patch and
could not get going. Osmund with
breaks of 30, 16, 14 and 10 crept
closer to his opponent. Campos
with a break of 21 brought his
score over the 200 mark and
Osmund playing carefully man-
aged to draw level. Excitement
was high as to who would run out
winner as now both ran level until
the 250 mark when Osmund mak-
ing a break of 29 got the lead.
Campos replied with a break of 9
and Osmund resuming made a
break of 22 which secured him
the game. The final scores were
Osmund 300, Campos 259, and
both players were loudly cheered
at the termination of the game.

Following this the gathering
assembled in the main room of
the Club where Mr. A. F. Batalha,
Vice-Consul for Portugal and
Vice-President of the Club wel-
comed the visitors from Shanghai
in a neat speech. He then thank-
ed Mr. Osmund and Mr. Campos
for the exhibition game and ask-
ed them to accept a souvenir of
the occasion. Madame Batalha
then handed Mr. Osmund and Mr.
Campos a Cup each, the one for
the winner being presented by
Dr. Felix Horta, Consul-General
for Portugal and the other by Mr.
A. F. Batalha.

Mr. E. Leitao responding on
behalf of the Shanghai visitors
thanked Mr. Batalha for his re-
ference to the Shanghai players
and also the Club Lusitano as well
as the Portuguese Community for
the many courtesies shown them.
He expressed the hope that next
year when Hongkong visited
Shanghai for the Interport match
some players from Canton would
also go up.

After this brief but interesting
ceremony was over dinner was
served, and with the Jazz Band of
the Canton Club in attendance
dancing was indulged in until
midnight.

The visitors left for Hongkong
by the "A. A. Heungah" on
Saturday morning bringing with
them recollections of a short but
pleasant stay in Canton.

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